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Outstanding volunteer honoured

A "flabbergasted" Laverne Wilson was presented with a plaque honouring his outstanding volunteer service for the development and promotion of softball in Alberta during 2006 at the F. G. Miller High School Christmas brunch. Murray Cochrane made the presentation on behalf of Softball Alberta.

Principal on the gift list at FGM brunch

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

A totally unsuspecting Laverne Wilson welcomed students, staff, alumni, bus drivers, business representatives and special guests to F. G. Miller High School's annual Christmas brunch on Dec. 22, and promptly assured one well-padded, red-suited guest that he had indeed been a good boy all year.

How very, very good indeed, surprised even Wilson later in the program, after he had called for a round of applause for the school's librarian and her teacher husband, Denise and Colin Bjorkman on their seventh anniversary, and introduced school board chairman Darrell Younghans and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Ray Danyluk.

Younghans congratulated the new cabinet minister on his hard work and determination which led to a cabinet post for the "farm boy from Elk Point."

He joked that it was a unique opportunity "to have 210 teenagers listening to me instead of three at home ignoring me," and urged the students to "spend some time with your family. It will be cherished by your families now, and by yourself in years to come."

Danyluk, in turn, admired Younghans' polished message and said that he now has seven speech writers at his disposal, but preferred to make his message to the students brief and to the point.

"Try to spend some of the holidays with your family, and enjoy the time you spend with them. It's so, so important."

Wilson then introduced Murray Cochrane, who turned out not to be representing The Buffalo Oil Corporation but instead was there on behalf of Softball Alberta, and had a plaque for outstanding volunteer service to present to the principal, who is also both a softball coach and Elk Point Minor Ball president.

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Chamber winds up 2006 with grand prize draw

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The final official duty for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce executive in 2006 was to make the grand prize draw for the Christmas Extravaganza promotion.

Entries started flowing into the giant draw drum on Friday, Dec. 1, and continued to be stuffed into draw boxes with purchases right up until the end of the business day on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Chamber president Sandy Smith and treasurer Lesia Porcina took one look at the bulging drum at noon on Christmas eve and decided a larger container was needed to ensure the entries were thoroughly mixed. Elk Point Co-op manager Dwayne Odgaard promptly produced a gigantic box and the

contents of over 30 draw boxes from participating businesses were stirred thoroughly before Smith delved deep into the container and came up with the name of Margaret Gladue of Frog Lake as the winner of the plasma television and home theatre package.

A second draw was made for a prize which was inadvertently overlooked in the Dec. 1 early bird draws, with Beverly Cardinal of Kehewin winning a case of oil donated by McEwen's Esso.

The big winner!

Chamber president Sandy Smith (right) and treasurer Lesia Porcina declare Margaret Gladue the Extravaganza 2006 grand prize winner.



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The headlines of 2006 in review

A new year has dawned, and 2006 calendars have been replaced with their new counterparts. Let's take a look back at the news that made the headlines in the past 12 months...

January

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce had a full two dozen members on hand for their first meeting of 2006 to greet their newly hired economic development officer, Ernie Isley. Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated Ukrainian Christmas Eve at Armistice Hall with a traditional meal, spirited dancing and a play encompassing many seasonal traditions.

F. G. Miller High School students and residents of the area attended two sessions explaining the dangers of crystal meth, which RCMP Staff Sgt. Ian Sanderson said, "can turn a town this size upside down."

The Town of Elk Point took a big step toward the future as they gave the go-ahead to the initial 18-lot phase of a new residential subdivision at the north end of Elk Point. Confirmation was received that \$140,000 in provincial funding had been approved for a heliport at Elk Point Health Centre.

February

The Town of Elk Point unveiled \$1.55 million in 2006 public works projects at their town hall meeting aimed at getting input from local residents. Jeff Latos and his BJ Services rink won the 23rd annual Oilmen's Bonspiel grand challenge after a nine-end marathon match of strategies against a very determined Leonard Gadowski and Shamrock Valley #1.

Sixteen people from Elk Point and district learned the basics of economic development at a two-day workshop instructed by Walter DeSilva. With the original eight nights sold out, Elk

Point Community Choir and Friends announced that their 2006 dinner theatre would be held over for a ninth performance.

Parent commitment and support went a long way in the school board's decision to keep Heinsburg Community School open for the 2006-07 school year. The Fur Trade Rendezvous hosted by the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House portrayed "the best of fur trade traditions", according to eminent historian and guest speaker Michael Payne, while Minister of Community Development, the Hon. Gary Mar, said history is "very much a part of your present, and of your educational, social and economic future."

Rev. Dale Lang of Taber, whose son died in a tragic school shooting, brought a message of the need for forgiveness, when he addressed high school students and the community on Valentine's Day. The community's economic development topped the agenda at the Chamber's annual meeting, with Hanna, AB mayor Pat Burns as guest speaker.

The town and the economic development committee agreed that Elk Point is "open for business, when EDO Ernie Isley visited council with a list of recommendations ranging from tax incentives to a steep hike in taxes on vacant, derelict buildings. A "banner year" with a \$220,000 operating surplus in 2005 announced by town manager Myron Goyan would help finance the town's 2006 capital projects. Mayor Parrish Tung said.

March

The Beverly Hillbillies came back to Elk Point 11 years after the Community Choir's 1995 dinner theatre hit, with the new version bigger and better than ever, and with Jed Clampett (Don Conrad) and Granny Moses (Linda Grabas) not looking a day older. Elk Point's train station project was back on the chamber agenda, with Loree Aarbo bringing in an artistic concept for a new and multi-functional building in the style of the original station.

Ernie Isley gave up his EDO position to become Bonnyville's mayor, but said he would retain ties to Elk Point's economic development as an advisor. Streets were in bad shape when new snowfall was combined with the untimely death of the town's grader, with its new replacement not available until the end of the month.

A delegation of 56A Ave. residents visited town council to find out more about the planned installation of curb, gutter and paving in their area. The Dewberry/Elk Point Bantam Colts found provincial gold in Oyen at the Bantam "D" Provincials.

Elk Point Minor Hockey concluded their season with the biggest-ever awards banquet, where Pee-wee Avalanche player Taylor Dion Abraham accepted the Alex Kurash Memorial trophy from minor hockey president Edie Lowry. A foot of wet snow cut attendance from 70 to 18 for the OORP District Meeting hosted by the Elk Point lodge.

April

Four talented young musicians from Elk Point and St. Paul who make up the local band known as Mockteerah shone bright at the Northern Star Search to win the youth section, while Mikaela and Desiree Link won the ages five to eight section and Shaina Gill the nine to 12 section. Business

licenses would be returning to Elk Point after a long absence, with the aim of developing a registry of businesses. The new grader arrived and was ready to roll, on the heels of winter's final blast.

The chamber's train station was at first-draft stage. Planning for the annual Shop Local campaign was underway, with a flyer to kick off the month and prizes of gift certificates to be awarded at the end. Elk Point Elementary School parents hopped on the Canada Day bandwagon, announcing that they were hosting a Doc Walker concert on July 1.



February brought fur trade fun, with MLA Ray Danyluk joining in a Red River jig at the Fur Trade Rendezvous.

Town council was facing tough decisions after tenders for the 2006 capital projects came in 34 percent higher than expected, with the 56A Ave. project about 50 percent higher. The Riverland Recreational Trail Society was called "leaders in the province" by MLA Ray Danyluk as the RRTS marked the end of a successful year at their annual meeting.

Community development took the next step, with a session where a good cross-section of the community listed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, followed by a session where Walter De Silver identified broad-stroke strategies and invited participants to join focus groups to work on them. The community's most dedicated volunteers were praised at another

tremendously successful firefighters' ball.

May

Fees collected under the Town of Elk Point's new business license bylaw would be directed to the economic development committee, after council agreed to a suggestion from the chamber of commerce. The Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club held their annual spring concert, once again featuring Marushka, the famous Ukrainian gypsy storyteller.

At least three local youth groups - Elk Point 4-H Multi Club, Elk Point Girl Guides and the F. G. Miller French Club - rallied to clean up

speaker Walter De Silva spoke on the importance of customer service.

Elk Point Baptist Church dedicated their roomy new facility, with the congregation's first two leaders. Pastor Ted Clarke and Pastor John McGregor, remarking on the growth and progress over the past 25 years. The Elk Point Review received four awards in the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association's general excellence competition.

June

The Iron Horse Trail staging area shone as a venue for Elk Point Auto Club's annual Show and Shine, which featured five gleaming Edsels among the long line-ups of vehicles on display. New member Tyler Legault showed Elk Point's grand champion steer at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club achievement day, with Robyn Ockerman showing the supreme champion heifer and Janice Tymofichuk showing both the reserve champion steer and reserve champion heifer.

Another hugely successful Elk Point Emergency Services golf tournament brought the total of support to STARS above the \$100,000 total. The Shop Local campaign was off to a good start with discount cards handed out to over employees of member businesses.

Street repairs were at the top of council's June agenda, with public works superintendent reporting that the town has 987 square metres of broken-up pavement to contend with. Seven graduates of Frog Lake's Chief Napawaew School celebrated success with the community as Christine Faithful gave the valedictory address.

Student athletes were rewarded for a tremendous year at F. G. Miller High School's second annual celebration of athletics. Funding for Canada Day celebrations was in good shape, reported Deanna Easthope at the final planning meeting, with generous donations adding up to put the budget in the black.

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Principal honoured at brunch

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One such award is presented to a deserving individual in each zone,

Cochrane said.

"I'm flabbergasted," Wilson said. "What can I say - it pays off to volunteer."

Chess Club advisor Colin Bjorkman and his assistant Craig Dallaire presented this season's cash awards and medallions to junior playoff winner Josh Gadowski and runner-up Milo Smith. Third-place Kent Crawford was not in attendance. Senior winners who received trophies topped with chess pieces and cash were Adrian MacKinnon, first, Jeremy Smereka, second and Adam Zapesocki, third.

Shaina Gadowski announced the latest Above the Limit winners: Grade 7 -

Kelsey Lindquist, Jessica Armstrong; Grade 8 - Dylan Berg, Megan Bresky; Grade 9 - Jessica Wirsta, Adriana Faithful; Grade 10 - Garrett Duffee, Nicole Kalynchuk; Grade 11 - Justyne Wozniak, Melissa Frisby; Grade 12 - Brittany Ballas.

Dustin Berg was announced as the winner of the Youth Connections draw.

A number of students brought food bank donations to the brunch, and Pam Frisby thanked them for their generosity.

Louise Lavoie offered grace before guests and students lined up to enjoy a sumptuous meal prepared by the Grade 12 students.

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July

F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2006 wound up their final year of high school with a gala prom. Elk Point Elementary School celebrated their students' achievements with the presentation of countless medals and awards. Canada Day was observed with a full day of activities, from pancakes and parade to stage entertainment, strong man competition and a farm survival race which even involved a little pig kissing.

Animal trainer extraordinaire Claude Chassé and his star-quality horses Mustang and Mustang Junior were a popular attraction at the Stoney Lake Stampede. Senseless vandalism, including five incidents at the C. G. Baker Arena, and other property damage concerned Elk Point residents and disheartened volunteers.

Elk Point town council took the first step toward a formalized structure for Elk Point's economic development advisors as they gave first reading to a bylaw establishing an economic development advisory board. A \$1.5 million quote for Elk Point's proposed train station set the chamber of commerce back on their heels, but members soon rallied, feeling that with local talent, the job could be done much more economically.

Elk Point Midget Sox won the consolation final when they hosted the Midget Provincials, but teams from Cochrane and Edmonton were still locked in a seventh-inning, 12-all tie when the rain-delayed

championship game was called because of darkness, a tie that took several weeks of discussion before it was officially declared a tie. Campgrounds in the area benefitted from above average attendance.

August

Sponge-painted superheroes were all in a day's play for the Summer Reading Program gang at Elk Point Public Library. The self-styled economic development committee accepted the new model which would turn them into the town's economic development advisory board and met with Paul Pelletier of REACH Corporation to go through the terms of reference for both the board and its subcommittees.

Elk Point was well prepared to welcome new residents, as Kathy Foster and Deanna Easthope showed the chamber of commerce when they displayed one of their updated welcome baskets. The new location in the Iron Horse Trail staging area was working well for the tourist information centre, which was enjoying an influx of visitors, with more than twice their registrations in the first two months as there had been in all of 2005.

Iris Brown scored a hat trick with her third aggregate win in a row at the newly-named Elk Point Horticulture and Craft Show. The first-ever Saskatoon Festival at Fort George and Buckingham House was an outstanding success, with almost 140 visitors enjoying the fruits of the season as well as shopping for locally produced crafts and food products.

Troy Lorenson was named the 2006 champion at the 23rd annual Oilmen's Golf Tournament. Heavy equipment was hard at work at the north end of town, carving out streets and installing utility lines for the new residential subdivision.

nasty flu bug was finally over, with residents on their way to recovery.

Lisa Braga and Darby Brooker were co-valedictorians as the F. G. Miller Class of 2006 celebrated their commencement. Fundraising was the next step for the

Lights Library System conference.

October

F. G. Miller High School honoured its highest achievers for the 2005-06 school year with a vast array of medallions and plaques at the annual awards night. Two seniors visiting Frog Lake historic site were victims of a violent robbery. Three young cancer survivors led Elk Point Elementary School's Terry Fox Run.

Elk Point volunteer firefighters proudly displayed their shiny new rescue van, which arrived just in time for Fire Prevention Week. Elk Point and District Ambulance representative Jason Fisher told the chamber of commerce that he hoped to add a unit and personnel with advanced life support capability to his lineup.

Ed Stelmach's Progressive Conservative leadership campaign visited Elk Point to present his views on provincial issues. Animal control issues regarding the number of pets per household topped the council agenda.

Minister of Community Development Denis Ducharme and MLA Ray Danyluk got an update on progress at Fort George and Buckingham House historic site from advisory board chair Donna Chamberland and Friends of the Forts president Dennis Jasinsky. Elk Point's upcoming centennial celebration was shaping up to be a community effort, with over 20 eager volunteers bringing ideas to the second planning meeting.

November

PC Leadership candidate Ted Morton presented his plans for Alberta's future to

the community at an open house. Elk Point and District Allied Arts Society declared they were ready to raise big money for their proposed community cultural centre.

Students at both Elk Point schools remembered the contributions of very special Canadians at a pair of Remembrance Day ceremonies. Issues regarding youth, drugs and gangs were seen as high priorities as the RCMP detachment set their performance plan for the coming year.

Wars past and present were the focus of the Remembrance Day observances, with Capt. Ellwood of CFB Wainwright as a featured speaker. Additional streetlights were under consideration by council, following requests from citizens.

Local residents were asked to spread the word to former residents regarding Elk Point's upcoming centennial celebrations. Young performers led by Holly Myshaniuk and Diana Anderson brought Bible stories to life at the United Church.

December

Extreme cold couldn't keep Elk Point from enjoying the parade, entertainment and fireworks of the annual Christmas Extravaganza. Ed Stelmach came from third place in the first round of voting to become Alberta's new PC leader on the second ballot in the second round.

Extravaganza 2006 was declared a big success by the chamber. Billie Milholland visited the chamber to report that the North Saskatchewan River was slated for designation as a heritage river.

The final two weeks of the year were a nonstop round of concerts, caroling and holiday festivities.

News from Heritage Lodge

BY HEATHER PAQUETTE

Activity Coordinator

December has been another busy month at Heritage Lodge. Fifth Avenue Jewelry visited the Lodge on Dec. 1. On Dec. 5, some of the Lodge members accompanied me to the Bonnyville ice carnival where we had a fantastic time watching Canada's gold medal winners, David Pelletier and Jamie Salé, as well as potential gold medal winners from all over Alberta. Some of the skaters were just awesome performers.

On Dec. 7, the residents enjoyed the beautiful Christmas play performed by the Bellis Home School group. The next night was the Christmas supper and silent auction. Clarence Smith's band played while Santa visited all of the Lodge residents. A good time was had by all.

Babe Sharkey and company played on Dec. 14. The trio of Harmony entertained on Dec. 18 with the Baptist children caroling on Dec. 19. Gabe Bayduza played the piano every Tuesday afternoon.

Four residents traveled to St. Paul to take in the FCSS Christmas Gala on Dec. 20 at the Rec Centre where we were well-fed and entertained.

We played Christmas game son the afternoon of Dec. 21 and on the morning of Dec. 22, we enjoyed the Elk Point Elementary Grade Twos and Threes singing. Later that morning we had a Christmas gift exchange.

On Dec. 27, we had our monthly birthday party.

In January, we are looking forward to armchair travel to the Ukraine and a Ukrainian Christmas eve. Bingo will carry on as usual as well as lawn dice and card bingo. The Home Care staff will continue with the exercises. Our travel will be limited to Quin's Art Studio and the Welcome Home Tea House.



Aboriginal youth in ornate traditional costumes followed the lead of their elders in the KAMADA Walk against drugs and alcohol at Frog Lake in late August.

Over 30 entertainers of all ages, from seven-year-old harmonica prodigy Emily Thompson to an 80-year-old mule bones artist Roy Scott entertained an excellent crowd at the Forts des Prairies Jamboree. There was a hot time at the intersection of Highways 41 and 646 as a trailer loaded with round bales went up in smoke.

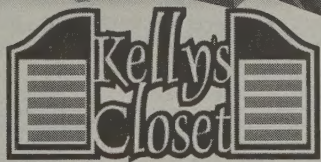
September

Elders led a large contingent of local youths in the Kokums and Moshums Against Drugs and Alcohol (KAMADA) Walk at Frog Lake. A challenging August which isolated Heritage Lodge for nine days due to a

chamber of commerce, with the price of the first phase of their train station established at \$385,000.

Cold and strong winds couldn't deter 11 determined walkers who made their way around the Terry Fox Run route. Elk Point RCMP's new detachment commander, Sgt. Darryl Eagles, was welcomed to Elk Point by Mayor Parrish Tung.

New business owners Hans Brand, Trevor Quin and Renita Senz were welcomed by the Chamber. Keynote speaker Doug Griffiths, MLA for Battle River-Wainwright outlined "13 ways to kill your community" at the Northern



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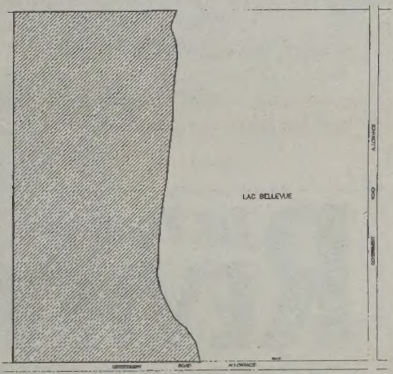


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EDITORIAL

Three out of five better than it sounds

Every year at this time, we make predictions, and 52 weeks later, we check up to see how we did with our prognostication. For 2006, it could have been better, but it could have been worse.

We predicted new businesses, and we got them: a new tea house, a multimedia art studio, oil company offices, a new building centre which will open very soon, among them, along with new ownership for a business or two.

We congratulated the Elk Point volunteer firefighters on the achievement of their goal of a new rescue unit, which they worked very long and hard to achieve.

And, we have a lineup of events in the works for the 2007 Elk Point Centennial, with a number of new volunteers eager to get busy on the details.

New houses did not go up in the new subdivision, because the process of getting streets and utility lines in place took longer than anticipated. Nor did we end up with a train station... but we DID get the tourist information centre moved to a site which seems to please the traveling public - a definite plus.

Now for 2007, when we fearlessly predict...

■ A fantastic Centennial and Canada Day celebration with huge crowds of former residents coming home to see us and help us to remember when...

■ New homes along new streets in our new subdivision, and new families coming to live in them...

■ The rarely-used portion of Northern Lights Library System headquarters becoming a hub of activity as the Allied Arts community cultural centre....

■ The new version of the Economic Development Advisory Board will get the focus groups fired up and working on projects to make our community its most attractive and resident-friendly, and finally...

■ We may all come to view challenges as opportunities rather than obstacles, and let our imaginations take us to new heights. All together now...

YOUR VIEWS

Happy endings for years gone by

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE FINAL WEEK OF DECEMBER IN...

1986

Elk Point area residents viewed the last picture show at Steve Andrichak closed his Arrow Theatre after 42 years of entertaining the public. Don and Sylvia Conrad placed first in the residential lighting and decorating contest sponsored by the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce.

1991

Vicki and Phil Sheplaw were presented with their Small Business of the Year award at the final Chamber of Commerce meeting of the year by president Victor Stepa. More than 52,000 hours of dedicated practice brought Shauna Loughran the Canadian Figure Skating Association Gold Figure status.

1996

Five venues were on the schedule for activities at Elk Point's Third Annual First Night Festival. Elk Point Agricultural Society vowed to start the new year right with a meeting set for early January to iron out problems left unresolved at a poorly attended annual meeting.

2001

Retiring teacher Ron Onusko was honoured at F. G. Miller High School's Christmas brunch, after more than 25 years of teaching at the school. Performers of all ages took part in Elk Point Christian Community Church's Christmas program.



OUR VIEWS

Happy New Year, everyone!

Happy 2007, everyone. How did all your celebrations go? Speaking of celebrating, did you know that not too long ago, there were large segments of society not celebrating Christmas? In fact, in the English-speaking world, Christmas was very nearly killed off by Protestant "fundamentalists" - Puritans who objected to Christmas so much that, wherever they held power, they passed laws banning it. The Scottish Presbyterian Church banned it in 1583 and James I had to reinstate it by force of arms. Such bans did not go without protest. In 1644 thousands rioted in England against the Christmas prohibitions created by Cromwell and his followers. For example, Christmas was declared to be a day of fasting and penance, not a day of revelry and celebration. Even after they lost power, they had succeeded in getting people out of the habit of celebrating, effectively breaking the tradition of Christmas. After the Revolution, people treated Christmas with a great deal of indifference and without much in the way of religious reverence. Even into the late 1800s, Christmas was not generally popular holiday, nor was it an officially recognized state holiday. It wasn't such an odd thing that Scrooge might require poor Cratchit to work on Christmas day - even the US Senate seems to have met on some Christmas days in the 19th century.

So really, is celebrating a modern concept? If celebrating at Christmas is a recent historical concept, is celebrating at New Year's the same? The whole range of celebration of the New Year's Day basically stems from the various ways ancient societies used to greet the new harvest seasons. In

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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

fact, it is the number of harvests, whether of fruit or grain, that determined how many New Years were observed. The origins of the customs that we think of as peculiarly associated with the celebration of the New Year took roots in the ways the ancient people regarded the New Year. For example, to the Creek Indians, the ripening of the corn in July or August signified the termination of one year and the beginning of another. It was their custom to drape themselves with new clothes, replace the old interiors and households.

Symbolically, New Year's signifies a renewal of life.

Hence, the spirit of celebration for the regeneration, while discarding the old and worn out. The customs and practices, though modified through the centuries, have still their distinctive strains in the ways we welcome each onrushing year. It was the Dutch, in their New Amsterdam settlement at mid-17th century, who originated the modern American New Year celebration. The

New Year's Day was the most important holiday for the Dutch who were noted in all the colonies for their love of beer and wine. The idea of making deafening noise is to drive away the evil spirits who flocked to the living at this climactic season with a great wailing of horns and shout and beating of drums. This is why, at the stroke of midnight we hear the deafening cacophony of sirens, car horns, boat whistles party horns, church bells, drums, pots and pans - anything that serves the purpose of producing a devil-chasing din. The New Year's resolution also has some history. In order to have a 'clean slate' on which to start the New Year, people in times past have made certain that they had all their borrowings cleared. Those were the days before such complexities as credit buying. The new Year's resolutions which we are so fond of, represent other efforts to make the year brand new. In fact, we often say that in the New Year we are "turning over a new leaf." So, to everyone, as you begin 2007, may you new beginnings be happy and great for you.

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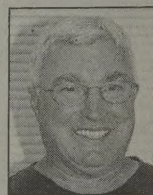
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Legion award winner donates to veterans

Ten-year-old Cheyenne Lawrence, a student at Elk Point Elementary School, won an award from the Royal Canadian Legion for her Remembrance Day poem. She donated her prize cheque back to the veterans, enclosing it in a letter which stated, "I hope they can put it to good use. Thank you again for choosing my poem and for what you did for us so we can live in a safer world."

Vicki Brooker photo

IN MEMORIAM

JUBA, Paul

Oct. 6, 1922-Jan. 4, 2005

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Wife Marion,
Sharon & Maurice,
Vicki & Families.

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who passed away
January 2, 1987.

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but memories stay.
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every day.*

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OBITUARY

HAVENER, Roland

On December 26, 2006, Mr. Roland Havener of Elk Point passed away at the age of 75 years.

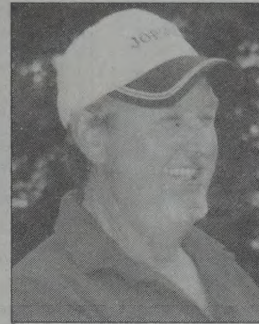
He is survived by his loving wife, Helen; 1 son & 3 daughters, Karren (Cliff) Richards of LaGrange, Lynne (Orest) Boyko of Elk Point, Terri (Mike) Breen of Riverview & Steven (Margaret) Havener of Elk Point; 15 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Agnes Stockford of Birch River, Manitoba & Adeline (Cecil) McMahon of Sparwood, B.C.; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by 2 sons, Gary & Chris; 1 daughter, Amber; his parents, Edward & Mary; 1 brother, Edwin.

Memorial Service Thursday, January 4 at 1:00 p.m. at Elk Point Senior Citizens Centre, Elk Point. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation or Child Find c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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OBITUARY

STAFFORD, Pete



On December 25, 2006, Mr. Pete Stafford of Elk Point passed away at the age of 58 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karen "Baba" of 39 years; 2 sons & 2 daughters, Carrie (Brent) Becker, Tina Stafford (Brad Campbell), Tyson (Twila) Stafford & Darcy Stafford (Karl Shankowsky) all of Elk Point; 8 grandchildren, Brandi (Lyndon), Tori, Logan, Alyssa, Sarah, Amy, Austin & Jace; 2 brothers & 2 sisters, Molly Stafford of Edmonton, Larry (May) Stafford of Marwayne, Tony (Karen) Stafford of Unity, Saskatchewan & Teresa Rennie (John Begg) of Edmonton; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Margie & Larry, & his mother-in-law & father-in-law, Annie & Bill Culford.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall, Elk Point. Pastor Kelly Sibley officiated and cremation followed. If desired, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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OBITUARY

EWASIUK, Raymond



On December 26, 2006, Mr. Raymond Ewasiuk of Elk Point passed away at the age of 66 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, LeVina; 1 son & 1 daughter, Darryl (Lucie Mahe) of Elk Point and Valerie (William) Hansen of Edmonton; 2 granddaughters, Athena & Savanna; 5 brothers & 5 sisters, Bill (Eve) Evans of Surrey, BC, Max (Isabelle) Ewasiuk and Harry Evans all of Langley, BC, George (Lillian) Ewasiuk of Elk Point, Steve (Elaine) Ewasiuk of Kamloops, BC, Kathleen Jacula of Edmonton, Paula Lightfoot of London, ON, Ann Ewasiuk of Edmonton, Doris Capjack of Elk Point & Lena (Warren) Shaw of Prince George, BC; also numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Mike & Mary; brothers, John, Nick, Peter, Edward & Paul; sisters-in-law, Donna Ewasiuk and Barbara Evans; brothers-in-law, John Jacula, Ken Lightfoot & Mike Capjack.

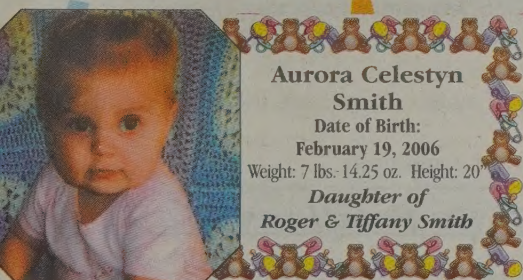
Prayer Service Friday, December 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Divine Liturgy & Funeral Service Saturday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northern Valley. Reverend Father S. Dumec & Reverend Father R. Dobrianski will be the celebrants with interment in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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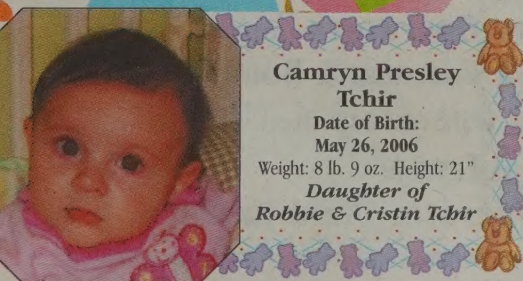
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Aurora Celestyn Smith

Date of Birth:
February 19, 2006
Weight: 7 lbs. 14.25 oz. Height: 20"

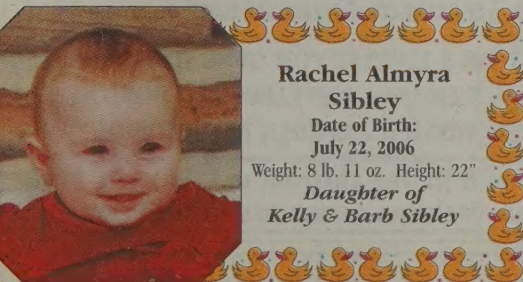
Daughter of
Roger & Tiffany Smith



Camryn Presley Tchir

Date of Birth:
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Weight: 8 lb. 9 oz. Height: 21"

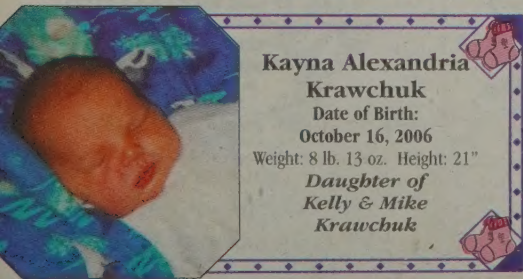
Daughter of
Robbie & Cristin Tchir



Rachel Almyra Sibley

Date of Birth:
July 22, 2006
Weight: 8 lb. 11 oz. Height: 22"

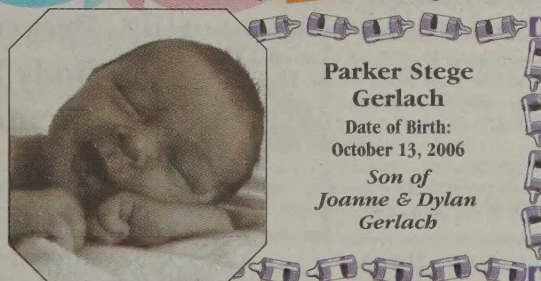
Daughter of
Kelly & Barb Sibley



Kayna Alexandria Krawchuk

Date of Birth:
October 16, 2006
Weight: 8 lb. 13 oz. Height: 21"

Daughter of
Kelly & Mike Krawchuk



Parker Stege Gerlach

Date of Birth:
October 13, 2006

Son of
Joanne & Dylan Gerlach

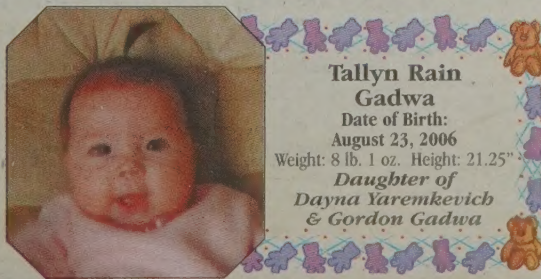


Jayci Elizabeth Marcoux

Date of Birth:
May 26, 2006

Weight: 7 lb. 2.75 oz.
Height: 19.75"

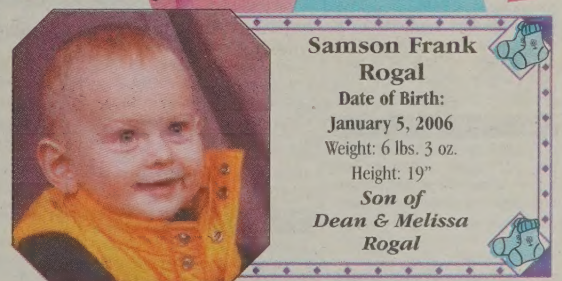
Daughter of
Jason & Tasha Marcoux



Tallyn Rain Gadwa

Date of Birth:
August 23, 2006
Weight: 8 lb. 1 oz. Height: 21.25"

Daughter of
Dayna Yaremkevich & Gordon Gadwa

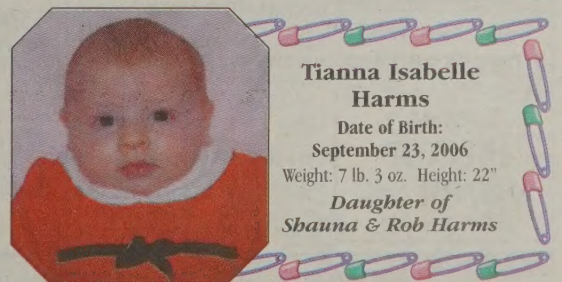


Samson Frank Rogal

Date of Birth:
January 5, 2006

Weight: 6 lbs. 3 oz.
Height: 19"

Son of
Dean & Melissa Rogal



Tianna Isabelle Harms

Date of Birth:
September 23, 2006
Weight: 7 lb. 3 oz. Height: 22"

Daughter of
Shauna & Rob Harms



Heath Thomas McNamara

Date of Birth:
March 31, 2006

Weight: 7 lb. 11 oz.
Height: 20"

Son of
Dave & Nina McNamara

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Hockey dad and grandpa remembered

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Out of town scores

Four bantam aged players, Dylan "in your face" Loughran, Tanner "Stomping Tom" Shankowski, Quillan "Cowboy" Lowry and Brendan "The puck stops here" Bishop



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Review Sports

have all been playing bantam hockey in St. Paul this year and have not lost a game all year with an incredible record, 11 wins and one tie. "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas is also playing bantam in St. Paul after making the tier one team.

Over in Lloydminster, Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak and Kameron "Boom Boom" Ballas made the "AAA" bantam team and have been playing in the Alberta Bantam triple A league along with another former Elk Point resident, Blake Brodwin.

Atom Avalanche win

Grandma was the lucky one, she only got run over by a reindeer, but Saddle Lake was buried, snowed under by the Atom Avalanche and just before the Christmas break.

'Twas the night before, the night before Christmas, and the Avalanche we're ready, prancing and dancing all through the rink. Riel Lowry scored her first two goals of the year and assisted on one, Mariah Poitras and Tell May with the assists. Look out here he comes, Logan's Run. Logan "Backchecker" Becker with a total of six goals, and seven assists, Rylan Buffalo and MacKenzie Roberts with five goals each, Brandon Garrett, Jared McGilvery, "Naz Jr." Colin Nazarchuk notching four each, Kolten Gadwa with a hat trick. Rugged winger Brighton Youngchief battled for the puck in the corners. Unsung heroes, Tell May, Lindsey "Goldilocks" MacDonald and Nathan Yarmuch were very stable on the blue line, doing an excellent job of pinching and holding the line when necessary in the opposition end of the rink, and of course "Mr. Scrooge" goalie Brayden Vinge, he hadn't had a visit from the ghosts of Christmas yet and was still his old stingy self, allowing no goals at all in this one, BAH! HUMBUG!!!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: " (Getting hit in the collarbone) feels like someone takes a baseball bat and swings it right at you as hard as they can. The pain can stay with you for weeks." Last week's answer to: "I have four guys who don't understand a word I'm saying, ten guys who do understand but don't do a thing I tell them to do, and another four who aren't good enough to do what I tell them to do." – Tom McVie, coach of the 1983-1984 New Jersey Devils team that lost 56 games.



Photo Submitted

Home for the holidays

On Thursday, December 22 Mark Letestu from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan and Jordan Pietrus (his dad is the manager of the salt plant) of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island came out to practice with the Elk Point Pee Wee Avalanche. After running the drills for practice the guys spent some time visiting with the players and signing autographs. A big thank you to Mark and Jordan. The experience meant a lot to these young players.

Pioneer Circle bingo

Dec. 18, 2006

Jeannie Duffee \$45, Zelma Krucik \$30, Caroline Shankowski \$80, Sylvester Gladue \$30, Leatha Ockerman \$10, Lynden Badger \$10, Ernestine Dion \$10, Virginia Smereka \$65, Heather Scarfe \$15, Betsy Lumley \$45, Jay Duffee \$6, Harry Shankowski \$6, Connie Stanley \$6, Josephine Mountain \$22, Lloyd Gladue \$36, Randy Diesel \$30, Margaret Gladue \$15, Helen Trach \$47, Cher Badger \$30, Kurt Dion \$30, Cote Trach \$26, Bernice Bykowsky \$39, Lillian Ewasuk \$17, Annie Stesko \$17, Louis Lumley \$17, Flora Gladue \$17, Shelly Angus \$39, Clyde Diesel \$56, John Joe Fryngpan \$39, Lucille Smith \$39, Annie Stanley \$77, Anita Ballas \$1,074, Mary Rose Piesinger \$31, Ken Calliou \$31, Annie Stanley \$31, Ken Morin \$31, Mary Rose Piesinger \$30.

Top 10 Canadian news stories of 2006

CTV News has announced the Top 10 Canadian news stories of the year. Among the hundreds of news events unfolding in 2006, Stephen Harper becoming the Prime Minister of Canada was chosen as the year's top news story.

1. Stephen Harper becomes Prime Minister
2. Canada's mission in Afghanistan
3. Mass evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon
4. B.C. ferry sinking
5. Shooting at Montreal's Dawson College
6. Raid on alleged terrorists in Toronto
7. Montreal overpass collapse
8. Canada's winter Olympic medal wins
9. West Coast Storms
10. Stephane Dion elected as Liberal leader

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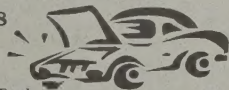
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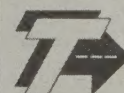
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Santa makes the scene at FGM brunch

Santa Claus jingled all the way into the F. G. Miller High School Christmas brunch, and stayed after the meal to find out what everyone wanted in their stockings this year. At left, he visits with Rhianna Bjorkman, while at right, Brenda Bintz and Doris Wilson give him some gift ideas for the holidays.

Vicki Brooker photos



Chess playoffs complete

The junior and senior chess playoffs are completed for 2006, with Colin Bjorkman and his assistant Craig Dallaire handing out trophies to the winners at the FGM Brunch. Above, left to right, are Bjorkman, Dallaire, senior winners Adrian MacKinnon, first, Jeremy Smereka, second and Adam Zapesocki, third, junior winner Josh Gadowski, first and Milo Smith, second. Not shown is junior third place winner Ken Crawford. Shown at right are all the competitors who enjoyed this year's action.



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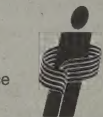
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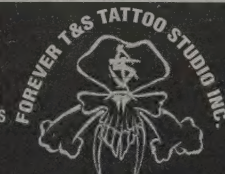
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